

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

#### **2020 Private Recreational Red Snapper Season Modification**

Louisiana's private recreational red snapper season was previously set by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting on May 7, 2020 to be open on weekends only (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) including the Mondays of Memorial Day and Labor Day beginning on May 22, 2020. The season was closed on August 13, 2020 until further notice based upon LA Creel data that indicated harvest rates were such that the state recreational allocation would be met. LA Creel data now indicate that there is remaining allocation that can be fished, and a re-opening is warranted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953, which allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency rules to set finfish seasons, R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and the authority given to the secretary by the Commission at its regular meeting on May 7, 2020, the secretary hereby declares:

The season for the recreational harvest of red snapper in Federal and state waters off Louisiana will open at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020 and remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 7, 2020, at which time the season will close and remain closed until further notice.

Any closure shall prohibit the possession and/or landing of red snapper in state waters, except for federally permitted charter boats or commercial Individual Fishing Quota holders operating under federal law during federally established seasons and rules for those vessels.

Jack Montoucet  
Secretary

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